

(a) the number of telephone connections provided in different cities of Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges modernised; and

(c) the targets fixed for 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 12695 telephone connections were provided in 14 different cities of Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92 (Upto 1.2.1992).

(b) 196 telephone exchanges have been modernised till 1.2.1992.

(c) During 1992-93, 240 telephone exchanges are targetted for modernisation.

Purchase of Equipments by DESU

7194. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA
NAYAK:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new item appeared in 'Jansatta', dated January 15, 1992 regarding the purchase of equipment by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and state:

(b) whether any investigating team has been constituted in this regard;

(c) the details of the investigations; and

(d) if no investigating team has been constituted, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). according to DESU, the Investigation Committee has not given any adverse report regarding performance of M/s. GEC of India Limited. M/s Andrew Yule (a Government firm) has also not been black-listed as mentioned in the said news item. The orders for the supply of material/equipment have been placed with the approval of the competent authority.

[English]

Relief to Deep Sea Fishing

7195. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deep sea fishing industry is at present facing difficulties and its exports have considerably decreased resulting in loss of foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the effective steps being taken to help this ailing deep sea fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) Although deep sea fishing industry faced several problems in recent years, the export of marine products and earning of foreign exchange has consistently increased as indicated below:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Quantity of exports in tons.</i> | <i>Value in rupees (crores)</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1988-89 | 99777 | 597.87 |
| 1989-90 | 110843 | 634.99 |
| 1990-91 | 139419 | 893.37 |
| 1991-92 | 171989 | 1365.68 |
| Tentative) | | |

(b) The difficulties faced by the deep sea fishing industry in recent years were considered by the Government and a scheme for rehabilitation of deep sea fishing industry to provide relief to the sick deep sea fishing units was announced through Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) in April, 1991. Rehabilitation proposals for 42 fishing companies have been approved under the scheme.

[*Translation*]

Micro-Wave System in Uttar Pradesh

7196. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given on November 25, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 501 and state:

(a) whether Kanskhet has been connected with micro-wave system;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay;

(c) whether the Government propose to link Nand Prayag (Chamoli district) and Satpuli (Pauri Garhwal) exchanges also with this system;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. As per answer to question No. 501 dt. 25.11.91, it was stated that in the proposal for micro-wave or radio system Kanskhet is not included.

(b) There has not been any delay. A suitable radio system is planned to be provided during the Eighth Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Planned during Eighth Plan period.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Expenditure by Telecom Factory, Bombay

7197. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost and expenditure incurred by the Telecom. Factory, Bombay for setting up the electro plating units there;